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SUBJ: PRC DEL'S VIEWS ON DISARMAMENT FORUMS (WDC,
WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE, AND UNDC)

1. SUMMARY. PRC DEL, ACCORDING TO CHAO WEI, IS
"RESOLUTELY OPPOSED" TO CONVENING OF WDC, ESTABLISHING A
COMMITTEE TO PREPARE FOR A WDC, COOPERATING WITH PRESENT
SPECIAL COMMITTEE WHOSE COMPOSITION IS ILLEGAL, OR
CONVENING OF UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION (UNDC), WHICH PRC
WOULD NOT ATTEND. CHAO WEI BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT SOME
STEP IN THIS AREA WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE THIRD
WORLD AND, THEREFORE, PRC MIGHT GO ALONG WITH ESTABLISHMENT
OF NEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE, AS URGED BY GARCIA ROBLES AND
OTHERS, IF TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PARTICIPATION ISSUES ARE
SATISFACTORILY HANDLED. CHAO WEI SAYS THAT CHINESE, WHILE
NOT WILLING TO TAKE SEAT IN SUCH A COMMITTEE, WOULD TAKE
POSITION SAME AS THAT OF LAST YEAR, I.E., THAT IT WOULD
CORRESPOND WITH COMMITTEE. CHAO WEI FEARS THAT IF THIS STEP
COULD NOT BE WORKED OUT THERE WOULD BE GREAT PRESSURE FOR
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UNDC. CHAO WEI AND US DELOFF (NEIDLE) AGREED TO KEEP IN

CLOSE CONTACT AS THIS ISSUE EVOLVES DURING CURRENT GA.
END SUMMARY.

2. DURING CORRIDOR ENCOUNTER BETWEEN PRC DELOFF HANDLING
DISARMAMENT IN FIRST COMMITTEE (CHAO WEI) AND US DELOFF
(NEIDLE), CHAO WEI RAISED WDC. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSA-
TION, CHAO WEI MADE FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST:

A. WDC. THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN CHINESE POSITIONS
OF PRINCIPLE REGARDING CONVENING OF WDC OR HOLDING PREPARA-
TIONS FOR WDC TO WHICH CHINESE REMAINED FIRMLY OPPOSED.

B. UNDC. PRC IS ALSO "RESOLUTELY OPPOSED" TO CONVENING
OF UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION (UNDC). CHAO WEI VOLUNTEERED
THAT PRC WOULD NOT ATTEND SUCH A MEETING. US DELOFF ASKED
WHETHER CHINESE HAD, IN FACT, ALREADY DECIDED NOT EVEN TO
HAVE A PRC OFFICIAL OCCUPY A SEAT DURING THE PROCEEDINGS.
CHAO WEI SAID YES AND ADDED, SOMEWHAT LABORIOUSLY, "CHINA IS
NOT A COWARD."

C. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE. CHAO WEI
SAID THAT WDC ITEM "WOULD NOT GO AWAY." HE THOUGHT SOME
RESULT AT CURRENT UNGA WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SATISFY "THE
THIRD WORLD." THEREFORE, IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO FORMULATE
A NEW RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE
TO EXCHANGE VIEWS REGARDING THE WDC QUESTION. REGARDING
QUESTION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "WDC PREPARATIONS" AND
"EXCHANGE OF VIEWS RE WDC", CHAO WEI REVEALED CONSIDERABLE
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS POINT: HE RECITED WORDING OF LAST
YEAR'S RESOLUTION STRESSING THAT PRC HAD BEEN ABLE TO
SUPPORT COMMITTEE THAT INVOLVED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, BUT WOULD
NOT SUPPORT COMMITTEE WHOSE TERMS OF REFERENCE INVOLVED WDC
PREPARATIONS.

D. RELATIONSHIP OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO POSSIBILITY OF
UNDC. CHAO WEI SAID THAT IF SOME SATISFACTORY RESULT
WERE NOT FOUND INVOLVING ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SPECIAL
COMMITTEE, HE FEARED THERE WOULD BE STRONG PRESSURE TOWARD
CONVENING UNDC, WHICH PRC WOULD NOT LIKE. US DELOFF SAID
THAT WE WERE ALSO AGAINST WDC, COMMITTEE TO PREPARE FOR WDC, OR
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CONVENING OF UNDC, AND EXPLAINED THAT WE HAD NOT TAKEN
ANY FORMAL POSITION ABOUT POSSIBLE NEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE,
SUCH AS THE IRANIAN PROPOSAL.

E. PRC TACTICS. CHAO WEI SAID THAT DURING CURRENT
SESSION PRC DEL WOULD BE MUCH MORE CAREFUL IN CONSIDERING
ANY RESOLUTION FOR A NEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE THAN IT HAD BEEN
LAST YEAR WHEN SPECIAL COMMITTEE RES WAS DEVELOPED BY ZAMBIA

AND ARGENTINA. HE COMMENTED THAT PRC DEL FEELS IT IS IN VERY GOOD POSITION FOR "NEGOTIATIONS" ON NEW RES ESTABLISHING NEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE LANGUAGE WHICH HAS GREATER CLARIFY THAN LAST YEAR'S RES. AS TO SOV IDEA THAT EXISTING SPECIAL COMMITTEE SHOULD BE CONTINUED, PRC DEL WOULD OPPOSE THIS AND WOULD, IN ANY EVENT, STATE THAT COMPOSITION OF EXISTING COMMITTEE WAS "ILLEGAL".

3. CONVERSATION ENDED WITH CHAO WEI SEEKING REASSURANCE THAT HE AND US DELOFF WOULD STAY IN CLOSE CONTACT AS THIS ISSUE DEVELOPED. US DELOFF SAID HE WOULD VALUE CONTINUATION OF CLOSE CONTACTS. HE STRESSED THAT US APPROACHED THIS MATTER IN SPIRIT OF TRYING TO AVOID SITUATIONS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO GREATER DISSENTION SINCE DISARMAMENT WAS HARD ENOUGH ISSUE WITHOUT ADDING CONFRONTATIONS IN THIS TYPE OF AREA.
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